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1. FOLLOWING MAJOR BREAKTHROUGH IN BERLIN TERRORIST CASES REPORTED REFTEL, POLICE ARE FOLLOWING UP SEVERAL HUNDRED NEW LEADS -- A SLOW AND TEDIOUS PROCESS -- WITHOUT MUCH RESULT THUS FAR. ON SEPT 18 POLICE CONDUCTED "LINE-UP" AT WHICH KEY WITNESSES, INCLUDING LORENZ AND WIDOW OF VON DRENKMANN ATTEMPTED IDENTIFY SUSPECTS. RESULTS, WHICH POLICE HOLDING CONFIDENTIAL, WERE INCONCLUSIVE, BUT THEY INDICATE POSSIBLE INVOLVEMENT OF RALF REINDERS IN VON DRENKMANN MURDER WHILE VIETT MAY HAVE BEEN OBSERVED BRIEFLY BY LORENZ DURING HIS CAPTIVITY.

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POLICE ARE SKEPTICAL, HOWEVER, THAT THESE IDENTIFICA-

TIONS COULD HOLD UP IN COURT.

2. SINCE SEPT 9 ARRESTS THERE HAVE BEEN SIX ANONYMOUS DEATH THREATS AGAINST CDU LEADER LORENZ AND RATE OF ANONYMOUS POLITICAL THREATS HAS INCREASED SHARPLY; HOWEVER, POLICE CONSIDER NONE TO HAVE ORIGINATED SPECIFICALLY WITHIN TERRORIST ELEMENT. FOR EXAMPLE, PERSON MAKING RECENT BOMB THREAT AGAINST ZOO STATION WAS FOUND TO HAVE BEEN TEEN-AGER WITH A CRIMINAL RECORD BUT NO PAST INVOLVEMENT IN TERRORISM.

3. BESIDES DIFFICULTY OF COMING UP WITH SOLID EVIDENCE FOR COURT TRIALS, POLICE ARE ALSO FINDING THAT NUMBER OF JUNE 2 COLLABORATORS AS OPPOSED TO HARD-CORE TERRORISTS, IS LARGER THAN THEY BELIEVED EARLIER. INVOLVEMENT IN CRIMINAL CONSPIRACY MAY BE ONLY CHARGE THAT CAN BE BROUGHT AGAINST SOME OF THOSE ANARCHISTS ARRESTED IN EARLY SEPTEMBER. GEORGE

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